

REMARKS

The subject Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct the reference mentioned on page 2, lines 9 and 10 of the specification.

In that regard, "U.S. Patent No. 3,421,494" has been changed to --Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-421494--.

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese document is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is provided by its accompanying English-language abstract is discussed beginning on page 2, line 9 of the specification.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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